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FRENCH BATTLE TOWARD THE RHINE

RIGHT WING TAKES STEINBACH AND DRIVES FORWARD INTO ALSACE

LONG DEADLOCK BROKEN BY ALSACE MOVEMENT; LONDON SAYS ADVANCE IS VIGOROUS

LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION ALONG POLAND LINE—TURKS AND RUSSIANS ALSO AT VIRTUAL STANDSTILL—250,000 MOSLEM SOLDIERS GUARD CONSTANTINOPLE—KAISER ORDERS ONLY CHEAP "WAR BREAD" SERVED TO SELF AND STAFF, TO IMPRESS GERMANY WITH NEED FOR ECONOMY—GERMANS CLAIM ADVANCE NEAR ARRAS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
LONDON, England, Jan. 5.—The French right wing in Alsace has now battled its way forward to within less than 30 miles of the Rhine.

Both the French and German official bulletins today mention fighting east of Steinbach, showing a further advance made by the French right.

The French report, that they have captured the village of Creux d'Argent, indicates another thrust into Alsace about 14 miles west of Colmar.

Mountain Artillery Race Settles Fate of Steinbach; Germans Stay in Town Until It is Destroyed

THANN, Alsace, Jan. 5.—A desperate race of three miles up rocky declivities, between the French and German mountain artillery detachments, determined the capture of Steinbach and an important victory for the Allies.

Steinbach is the gateway to Sennheim, in Alsace, and commands important arteries of communication.

The French surprised the German artillerists as they were ascending. The French then took a short cut and there ensued a hot race for the summit. They arrived at commanding positions five minutes ahead of the Germans and had just time enough to unlimber the guns and get into position when the Germans appeared on an open spot, rushing toward the summit.

Five minutes later the German battery was annihilated. The possession of this point enabled the French to send reinforcements across the river Thur and closely invest Steinbach.

The Germans holding Steinbach bravely refused to surrender. The commander sent back word, in response to the notification of the French commander, that "the Emperor's troops do not know how to surrender."

A terrific bombardment of the town by the French immediately followed. A struggle followed the bombardment, the fighting being so close and deadly that each house became a small fortress and each alley held an ambush for the attackers.

The Germans set the town afire. The flames got beyond their control and the shifting wind drove sparks into the ammunition depot. A terrific explosion shook the whole town and shattered the last German resistance. The possession of Steinbach by the French is now complete and the neighborhood is untenable for the Germans.

Berlin Says French Attack Repulsed

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 5.—Official.—"Near Arras we have captured 200 yards of French trenches. The French counter-attack failed."

"The French attack between Steinbach and Uffholtz has been repulsed. Uffholtz is two miles east of Steinbach."

"The eastern situation is unchanged. Bad roads and severe weather hamper the movement of troops."

French Official Bulletin Claims Gain

PARIS, France, Jan. 5.—Official.—"Despite the mud and hard traveling, particularly for artillery, we have advanced toward Neuport, and from St. Georges between 200 and 500 yards, occupying houses and capturing some trenches."

"Between the rivers Oise and Lys our mortars and hand grenade work have completely stopped the enemy's trench-sapping."

"Near Lille the Germans mined and captured a trench. Our counter-attack recaptured it. Artillery engagements continue along the remainder of the front."

"We have captured the hamlet of Creux d'Argent, and maintained all our other gains."

Kaiser Eats "War Bread" to Make Subjects Realize They Should Buy

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 5.—Kaiser Wilhelm has issued an order that "war bread," consisting of 85 per cent rye flour and the remainder potato cakes, be served to himself and his staff. The public has not been readily buying this war bread and it is thought the imperial example will stimulate the public to economize in foodstuffs and eat the war food.

'PRESERVE BAY AT WAIKIKI,' IS STRONGLY URGED

Amusement Pier Project Results in Many Protests to Harbor Board

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST ARE HEARD

Chairman of Promotion Committee Says More Should Be Done for Tourists



President G. H. Tuttle of the Outrigger Club, who objects to an amusement pier that menaces the bathing and surfing developed at the Outrigger beach.

"Preserve Waikiki bay's beauty and bathing and surfing facilities" was urged with vigor and earnestness upon the board of harbor commissioners this morning when the board met at the public meeting to hear arguments for and against C. G. Bockus' project for an amusement pier.

There were arguments on both sides. Those in favor of the pier declared that it should be so erected and operated as to spoil in no way the natural beauties of the sweep of beach and sea from the Castle residence to Fort De Russy or to injure surfing or bathing. Throughout the meeting the emphasis was placed on the safeguarding of Waikiki's natural charms and of its opportunities and reputation as an unspoiled playground for the men, women and children of the city.

In favor of the pier several strong arguments were heard. In particular Chairman Berndt of the Hawaii Promotion Committee declares that Honolulu is not doing enough for the tourists and that the committee believes a handsome and well conducted amusement pier will be a desirable addition to Waikiki.

Against this were the emphatic views of L. A. Thurston, Judge F. M. Hatch and others who declared that Waikiki should be entirely free from the pier, that it could not be built 500 feet out to the reef without greatly marring the present beauty of the bay.

One speaker, Secretary Super of the Y. M. C. A., declared himself absolutely against the pier idea in any form because he considered it a menace to the morals of the community.

Other Locations Suggested.

Location of the projected amusement

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MILITARY OF OAHU TO TAKE CARNIVAL PART

Troops From Schofield Will Be Encamped Here During the February Festivities

ENTIRE GARRISON OF THE ISLAND IN PARADE

No Regular Military Tournament But Plenty of Athletic Events on Schedule

The military of Oahu will again help to make the mid-Pacific Carnival a success. Maj.-gen. W. H. Carter, commanding the Hawaiian department, announced this morning that all the troops on the island would parade on some day during carnival week, and this means that about 8000 regulars, including all arms and branches of the service, will be in line. Add to this the national guard and the Kamehameha cadets, which organizations are usually turned out, and the total is swelled to about 9000 marching and mounted men in line.

Gen. Carter has also decided to bring practically the entire garrison of Schofield Barracks to Honolulu for carnival week, leaving only a small detachment in each cantonment to look after the big post. The 1st and 25th regiments of infantry will come to Honolulu by train, and the 1st Field Artillery and 4th Cavalry will march in. Camps will be located at Kapiolani park and on the various other camping grounds adjacent to the city that have been used in former years.

"Organization commanders at Schofield are favorable to the idea of bringing their men into town for the carnival week," said Gen. Carter this morning, "and it is my intention to appoint a board of officers, probably one from each regiment at Schofield, to confer with the carnival committee as to time and arrangements. There will not be any prescribed military tournament, however, such as has been held in former years, but organization commanders can do as they see fit about putting teams into the events which I understand are to be on the program for carnival week."

While there is always a lot of talk about "doing something for the soldiers" while they are in the city, nothing ever has been done in the way of entertainment, for the reason that it is practically impossible to especially entertain so many men at one time.

The suggestion has been made in several quarters that a practical attention would be to admit soldiers in uniform to the aquarium free of charge during carnival week. There will be a large number of men camped in Kapiolani park, close to the aquarium, and it develops that the exhibit of Hawaiian fish is much appreciated by the soldiers, but that the 25-cent admission keeps many of them away. A free "look-see" would be much appreciated, it is said.

Gen. Carter has not yet announced the members of the board, but will do so in a few days, when details will be at once taken up with Director-General Dougherty of the carnival.

The Prince of Wales fund for the relief of wives and children of British soldiers, was swelled \$1250 by the St. Andrew's Society of Manila, according to information received in Honolulu yesterday. Instead of giving the annual benefit ball the society this year obtained a subscription of \$7.50 from each member.

TERRITORIAL TREASURER OBJECTS TO PLAN FOR TAXATION BY COUNTIES

Opposition to the proposal of Mayor Lane, made in his inaugural message Monday, for the collection and assessment of county taxes by the county, was expressed by Territorial Treasurer C. J. McCarthy this afternoon.

"Mayor Lane's idea for the county to assess and collect taxes is great in theory," declared the territorial official, "but it is wrong in practice. For example, a county assessor is apt to be influenced in making assessments by the policies of the different property owners, while a territorial assessor cannot so easily be influenced. The latter is appointed by officials in whose election Hawaii has no vote."

GETS JAIL SENTENCE FOR DRIVING MACHINE WHILE INTOXICATED

A jail sentence as well as monetary fine was imposed upon M. S. Azevedo, a chauffeur found guilty in the district court today of driving a car through downtown streets while under the influence of liquor. District Magistrate Monsarrat took occasion to administer a severe reprimand to the defendant.

GEN. WISSER AND 91ST COMPANY ON THE SHERMAN

Brigadier-general and Another Coast Artillery Organization En Route for Station Here

The army transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco today, has the most important passenger list from a Honolulu standpoint of any troopship crossing the Pacific for many months past. The permanent garrison of Oahu will be increased by one company of coast artillery and another general officer will be on duty in the Hawaiian department, on the arrival of the Sherman, the 12th or 13th of this month.

Brig.-gen. John P. Wisser is the ranking passenger aboard the Sherman and when he reaches Honolulu he will take over command of the 1st Hawaiian Brigade, consisting of the 1st and 25th Infantry, with headquarters at Schofield Barracks. Gen. Wisser will be accompanied by one aide, 2nd Lieut. L. D. Baker, C. A. C. The quarters on the old Jones ranch site at Leliehua, which were remodeled to accommodate Gen. Edwards, are now completed and Gen. Wisser will take station at Schofield as soon as he arrives.

The 91st Company, C. A. C., which has been stationed at Jackson Barracks, La., will be added to the coast defenses of Oahu, making nine companies in all. The 91st will be stationed at Fort Kamehameha. Its officers are Capt. N. P. Andrews, 1st Lieut. L. D. Pepin and 2nd Lieut. F. R. Garvin.

Several officers of the local garrison are returning from leave on the Sherman and there are several going through to Manila who are well known here. Among these is Chaplain James F. Houlihan, formerly with the 5th Cavalry here, and 1st Lieut. W. C. Christy, who spent four years here with the same regiment.

Following is the list of officers for Honolulu and Manila on the Sherman: For Honolulu—Brig.-gen. John P. Wisser, Capt. R. E. Longan, Capt. W. T. Hannum, Capt. C. L. Willard, Capt. M. P. Andrews, Capt. F. M. Hinkle, Capt. C. J. Ferris, 1st Lieut. L. D. Pepin, 1st Lieut. W. C. Rogers, 2nd Lieut. L. D. Baker, 2nd Lieut. F. R. Garvin, 2nd Lieut. W. F. Winton.

For Manila—Lieut.-col. W. F. A. Laster, Capt. R. H. Allen, Capt. Preston Brown, Capt. Stanley H. Ford, Capt. L. R. Ball, Capt. Bruce Palmer, Capt. C. R. Pitts, 1st Lieut. Reuben Taylor, Chaplain James F. Houlihan, 1st Lieut. W. F. Pearson, 1st Lieut. C. W. McClure, 1st Lieut. G. S. Early, 1st Lieut. G. W. Madrox, 1st Lieut. M. A. Elser, 1st Lieut. W. N. Hensley, 1st Lieut. W. C. Christy, 1st Lieut. L. H. Bauer, M. C., 2nd Lieut. G. W. McClelland, 2nd Lieut. C. M. McMurray, 2nd Lieut. A. C. Evans, 2nd Lieut. J. F. Wall, 2nd Lieut. A. D. Cowley, 2nd Lieut. M. P. Short, 2nd Lieut. W. F. Ayer, 2nd Lieut. L. M. Wheeler, 2nd Lieut. L. German, 2nd Lieut. C. J. McConkey, 2nd Lieut. L. B. Bennett, 2nd Lieut. J. J. Boyle, Vetn. H. L. Sommer.

The quartermaster department expects to dispatch the transport Dix for Seattle about Saturday afternoon. The vessel will carry only sufficient coal to serve as ballast.

DR. W. P. FERGUSON SUCCESS COMES TO MISSION OF PACIFIC PEACE

Principal of Mills School Succumbs to Appendicitis After Illness of Only Three Days

WAS LEADING EDUCATOR AND RELIGIOUS WORKER

City Shocked By Loss of Active Force for Civic Betterment in Hawaii



Dr. Wilbert Perry Ferguson.

Dr. Wilbert Perry Ferguson, principal of Mills school, died shortly after 4 o'clock this morning at the Queen's hospital as a result of appendicitis. He had been ill but three days. Dr. Ferguson was taken ill Friday evening with what he believed was an attack of indigestion but which later developed into appendicitis. An operation was performed yesterday afternoon from which he failed to recover.

The news of Dr. Ferguson's death came as a tremendous shock to his hundreds of friends in Honolulu who had faith in his unusual recuperative powers as demonstrated in minor illnesses which the doctor suffered on various occasions following his arrival in Honolulu.

Early last night his condition was reported as being favorable and indications were that he would not be long in effecting a complete recovery from the operation. Later it was realized the chance for recovery was small.

In the death of Dr. Ferguson Honolulu, as well as the entire territory, loses a man who at all times was in the front rank of those who were striving for public good, for civic betterment, for broader scope in local temperance work and for the furtherance of church projects.

He had been at Mills for a year

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ROBERT TROTTER TO LEAVE HONOLULU AND JOIN BRITISH COLORS

When the British steamer Glenroy leaves Honolulu some time this week, she will carry Robert Trotter of this city, who is going to join the British colors and expects to be in the field before long. Trotter has been with the Honolulu Gas Company for about a year, coming here from San Francisco. He is a Scotchman.

The Glenroy will leave tomorrow or Thursday, from present prospects. It is said that a number of Britons are leaving here quietly to join the colors.

LARRY LAJOIE GOES TO MACK'S ATHLETICS

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 5.—Larry Lajoie, famous second baseman and hard hitter of the Cleveland Americans, will probably be seen next season in a Philadelphia Athletic uniform. Lajoie was released today by Manager Connie Mack of the Athletics, all the other clubs "waiving" on the services of the veteran player except the Athletics.

Connie Mack recently sold his star second-sacker, Eddie Collins, to the Chicago White Sox. It is expected that Lajoie may be used at second to fill Collins' shoes.

Dr. Scudder, Home From Mainland, Tells of Work Among Public Men

DIFFICULTIES WITH JAPAN TO BE SETTLED

Change of Feeling Heralds Better Understanding Between Nations on this Ocean

"President Wilson's policy in avoiding war with Mexico won for him the undivided support of the nation, and his present peace program is in keeping with the feeling of the entire country with reference to the question of war. That feeling is that the United States must avoid trouble with any other nation—that we must live in friendship and comity."

"There is no change as yet in the national attitude of Japan towards the United States, or vice versa. The situation is still delicate, but it is hoped that all difficulties will be adjusted before very long."

"There is gradually coming a revolution of feeling throughout the United States regarding relations with Japan, and in this respect a new note has been sounded in American politics. President Wilson is fully alive to the great importance of peace, as evidenced by the European war, and is thoroughly committed to a peace policy. He is determined to maintain peace with the entire world. Under no circumstances, he declares, shall America have war."

"As one of the results of the campaign of good-will which has just come to a close on the mainland, it now is evident that the feeling of the American public has changed to such a degree that there will be no anti-alien land holding legislation enacted in California this year."

The foregoing summarizes the message brought back to Honolulu by Dr. Doremus Scudder, pastor of Central Union church, who returned in the steamer Matsunaka this morning after three months spent in California and in the East, during which time he took an active part in a campaign of good-will inaugurated to secure a more comprehensive insight into American relations in Japan, and especially to create a public opinion against California bringing any anti-alien legislation before the present legislature.

During the latter part of 1914, Dr. Scudder was invited by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ of America to go to the mainland and engage in the campaign. He left Honolulu September 22. The campaign was engineered by two large committees; one composed of church leaders, of which Dr. Charles Nash of the University of California, was chairman, and the other composed of business men with Wallace M. Alexander as chairman. Following the completion of the preliminary plans for the campaign, Dr. Scudder said today, the business men's committee met, looked the situation over and decided that it would be a wise policy not to make the campaign a public one, as it was feared this would lead to opposition and lead to just what the committees did not want to do.

Dr. Scudder Works in East.
The plans for the campaign were changed," Dr. Scudder went on, "and I was asked to stay in the East and interest the leading men in public affairs in matters relative to America's relations with Japan. I spent two months in the East, during which time I had interviews with the president, Secretary William J. Bryan, former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture, Senators Lodge, Newlands, Lewis and a few of the members of the house of representatives. I also conferred with the editors of various leading newspapers in the East, and contributed articles from time to time."

"In the meantime, the people of California were exerting all energies to create a public opinion against California bringing any anti-alien legislation before the present legislature. One of the objects of the campaign was to have it work both East and West to secure influence to bear on California leaders so that there would be no legislation pertaining to the Japanese."

Dr. Scudder spoke guardedly regarding the results of the campaign. The majority of the work, he said, was done quietly and with little publicity. There was no newspaper notoriety, he

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